

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for reviewing the present application. The present amendment is presented in response to the Office Action mailed March 26, 2010. Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Claims 1, 3-8, 11, 17, 19-24 and 27 remain in the present application. By way of the above-noted claim amendments, independent claims 1, 8, 17 and 24 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 2, 9, 18 and 25, respectively, which have been cancelled to avoid redundancy. Claims 3-7 and 19-23 have been amended to reflect the amendments in claims 1, 8, 17 and 24 and cancellation of claims 2, 9, 18 and 25. Finally, withdrawn claims 10, 12-16, 26 and 28-32 have been cancelled. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional patent applications directed to the subject matter of claims 10, 12-16, 26 and 28-32 at any time prior to issuance of a patent in the present application.

Referring now to the Office Action:

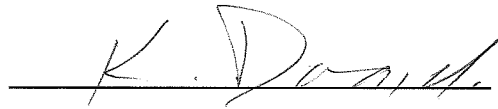
- claims 1, 8, 17 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over the teaching of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0043933 (Rappaport et al.) in view of Ghani et al.: "On IP-over-WDM Integration"; and
- claims 2-7, 9, 11, 18-23, 25 and 27 stand objected to as depending from a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2-7, 9, 11, 18-23, 25 and 27. As noted above, independent claims 1, 8, 17 and 24 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 2, 9, 18 and 25, respectively. Since all of claims 2, 9, 18 and 25 have been indicated as defining patentable subject matter, amended claims 1, 8, 17 and 24 are now believed to be patentable.

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Applicant requests early reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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